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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room TW B-204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the Matters of Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, *MB 05-311*; IP-Enabled Services, *WC 04-36*; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *CC 96-45*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, February 17, 2006, Dick Notebaert and Gary Lytle, both of Qwest, met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein, Scott Bergmann and Barry Ohlson.

In the meeting, we discussed local franchising issues, particularly build-out requirements. We noted that in other industries, including competition in the phone industry, build-out requirements were not required and the same should be true for Bell entry into the cable business. In addition, we discussed the need for universal service reform and expressed Qwest's support for a numbers-based contribution methodology.

Sincerely,
/s/ Gary Lytle

Copy (via e-mail) to:
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Scott Bergmann
Barry Ohlson